



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting
July 19, 2010
City Hall, Executive Session Room
301 West Second Street, Austin, TX 78701

MINUTES

Committee Members in Attendance

Dave Anderson (Chair)
Kathryne Tovo

Dave Sullivan

Planning Commission Members in Attendance

Saundra Kirk

Mandy Dealey

Members of the public in attendance:

Jeff Jack
Lucy Galbraith

Pat King
Kathy Rock

Members of staff in attendance:

Garner Stoll (PDR)

Mark Walters (PDR)

Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force Members

Kent Collins

Carol Torgrimson

Commissioner Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 12 AND JUNE 7, 2010, MINUTES

Commissioner Sullivan moved to approve both sets of minutes; Commissioner Tovo seconded. The vote was unanimous.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Action on the Imagine Austin Vision statement.

Greg Claxton presented information on the process to create the Imagine Austin Vision Statement. Kent Collins and Carol Torgrimson, with the Comprehensive Plan Citizens

Advisory Task Force, attended, and spoke about the Task Force's process to review and refine the Vision Statement. Jeff Jack said the Vision failed to speak to Austin's working class residents.

Commissioner Sullivan moved to forward the draft to the full Planning Commission, with proposed changes (see below). Commissioner Tovo seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Comprehensive Plan Committee Recommended Revisions to Imagine Austin Vision Statement, July 19, 2010

Task Force draft

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Austin's greatest asset is its people: passionate about our city, committed to its improvement, and determined to see this vision become a reality.

Commissioner Anderson request

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Task Force draft

Residents have a variety of urban, suburban, and semi-rural lifestyle choices with access to quality schools, libraries, parks and recreation, health and human services, and other outstanding public facilities and services.

Commissioner Tovo request

Residents **of all ages and income levels** have a variety of urban, suburban, and semi-rural lifestyle choices with access to quality schools, libraries, parks and recreation, health and human services, and other outstanding public facilities and services.

Task Force draft

Clear guidelines for quality development sustain and improve Austin's character, and provide certainty for residents and the business community.

Commissioners Kirk & Dealey request

Clear guidelines for **both** quality development **and preservation** sustain and improve Austin's character, and provide certainty for residents and the business community.

Task Force draft

People across all parts of the city live in safe, stable neighborhoods with a variety of affordable and accessible homes, healthy food, economic opportunity, healthcare, education, and transportation.

Commissioner Tovo request

People across all parts of the city **and of all ages and income levels** live in safe, stable neighborhoods with a variety of affordable and accessible homes, healthy food, economic opportunity, healthcare, education, and transportation.

Task Force draft	Commissioner Tovo
Vision Statement	<u>Vision and Principles</u>
Task Force draft	Commissioner Tovo
Development occurs in connected and walkable patterns supporting transit and urban lifestyles, while reducing sprawl and negative impacts on neighborhoods.	Development occurs in connected, walkable, <u>and pedestrian-friendly</u> patterns supporting transit and urban lifestyles, while reducing sprawl and negative impacts on neighborhoods.
Task Force draft	Commissioner Tovo
ADDITION TO “Livable”	<u>Development across the city is friendly to families with children, seniors, and persons with disabilities.</u>
Task Force draft	Commissioner Tovo
Downtown and other urban neighborhoods offer a vibrant, day and night time urban lifestyle for residents, workers, and visitors.	Downtown <u>and other town and neighborhood centers offer residents, workers, and visitors easy access to recreation, entertainment, and shopping.</u>

b. Presentation of data/information on best practice policy issues related to children and families.

Commissioner Tovo distributed a presentation on family-friendly design, including the role of the City in demonstrating the viability of family-friendly housing in Austin. Commissioners also discussed the need for affordable childcare and how that connected to land use regulations.

c. Action on recommendations to City Council on additional elements in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Commissioners distributed two memos presenting the case for two additional elements for the Comprehensive Plan: a historic and cultural preservation element and a children, families, and education element. They noted that City Council had already endorsed their third recommended element, dealing with arts, culture, and creativity. Commissioner Sullivan moved to forward the two memos to Planning Commission, to recommend to City Council; Commissioner Anderson seconded. The vote was unanimous.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

None.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13.

